WHEREAS, There are in this State 178 licensed nursing homes and related long term care facilities able to provide care of 7,555 persons; and,

WHEREAS, These facilities provide for the medical and nursing service needs of their residents, as well as special services relating to their physical, occupational, recreational, and spiritual needs; and,

WHEREAS, Member homes of theSouth Dakota Association of Health Care Facilities are participating in the observance of National Nursing Home Week during the week of May 12-19, 1974; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 12 - 19, 1974, as

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and urge citizens of our great State to take an active interest in residents in nursing homes, learning of their problems and progress, and showing these residents that the community is concerned, and I further urge that citizens acquaint themselves with the unique role of nursing homes in the total health care community of the State of South Dakota.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 2nd day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE